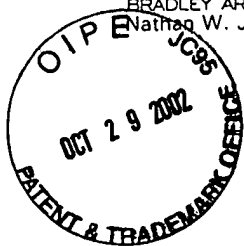



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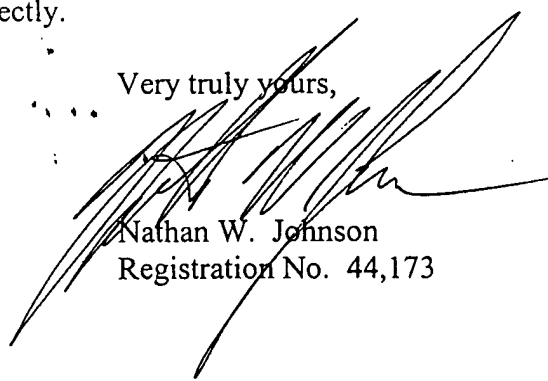
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Art Unit: 3613

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an AFTER FINAL Response to Office Action for the above-referenced patent application, as well as a check in the amount of \$400.00, for an extension fee of two months.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. A Certificate of Mailing and Authorization to charge deposit account are affixed to the Office Action directly.

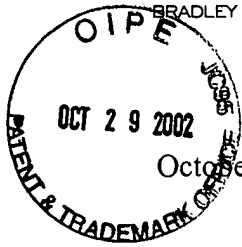
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Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination, including

- a. An RCE Transmittal form PTO/SB/30,
- b. A Submission
- c. The proper fees for an RCE and an extension of one month.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of one month. Please accept, enter, and forward these materials to the examiner for continued examination.

Yours very truly,

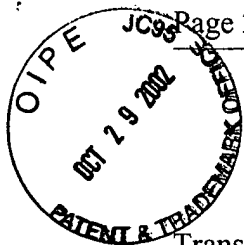

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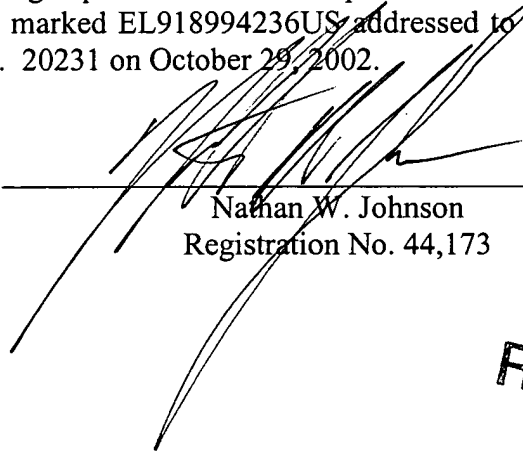
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I hereby certify that the enclosed cover letter, Request for Continued Examination Transmittal, Submission (being a refiling of the Response to Office Action dated September 30, 2002), regarding application Ser. No. 09/590,586, with the appropriate fees for a RCE (\$740) and an extension of one month (\$110) are being deposited with the "Express Mail" service of the United States Postal Service in an envelope marked EL918994236US addressed to BOX RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 29, 2002.

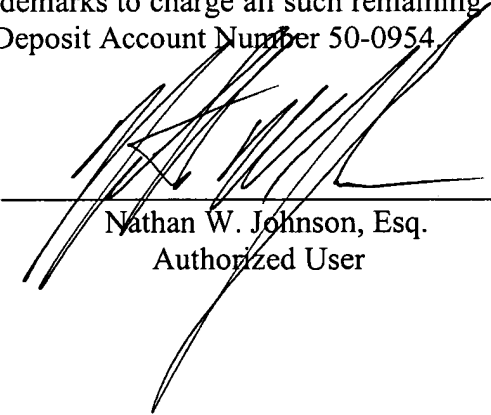


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Submission Accompanying RCE

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION: The Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of Application Serial Number 09/590,586. In connection with this request, Applicant submits as its Submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c) the Response and remarks filed by Applicant on September 30, 2002, in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 29, 2002. Reconsideration and reexamination in light of this submission is respectfully requested.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Applicant requests and petitions for an extension of one month, and attaches hereto the appropriate fee for such extension.

RCE CONDITIONS SATISFIED: This RCE and Submission satisfy all requirements:

- Prosecution is closed (37 C.F.R. 1.114(a)), because the application is subject to a final Office Action (37 C.F.R. 1.114(b)).
- Applicant requests continued examination (37 C.F.R. 1.114(a)), by virtue of the RCE Cover Sheet attached hereto and the above request.
- The Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is included herewith by means of a check and an authorization to charge deposit account
- This filing is made prior to the abandonment of the application. No issue fee has been paid, and no notice of appeal has been filed.

PROPER SUBMISSION: This Submission is a refiling of the Response filed by the Applicant on September 30, 2002, but not entered by the Examiner. This refiling satisfies the submission requirement. MPEP 706.07(h)(II). Because this submission (other than this page) is a duplicate of the paper filed on September 30, 2002, the entry of those amendments will satisfy all amendments made hereby.

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Respectfully submitted,

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